Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. No claims have been amended. Claims 9, 40 and 41 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-25, 27-38, 42, 44, 45 and 47 are presented for examination.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10-25, 27-38, 42, 44, 45 and 47.

Claims 9, 40, and 41 have been objected to under 37 CFR. 1.75 as being improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a pervious claim. Applicants submit that the objection has been obviated by the cancellation of claims 9, 40 and 41.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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